# Predicting Wine Club Attrition 

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## Primary Research Objective

Situation = Winery A and Winery B have developed very profitable wine clubs. However, growth in this key area is constrained by member attrition averaging $25 \%$ per year. Unless this attrition rate can be lowered, an untapped source of new members can be identified or prices can be raised, the profits generated through these clubs will level off.

Complication = Currently there are no anti-attrition remedies being tested because we cannot accurately identify those members with a high likelihood of canceling their membership. Thus, we are forced to be reactive rather than proactive.

Question = Can we develop predictive models to assess the likelihood a wine club member will cancel their membership?

Initial Hypothesis (Answer) = Yes, using account-level, transaction-level and geographic indicators, it is possible to determine the likelihood that a member will cancel their membership.

## MECE Diagram



## Project Plan

## COLLECT <br> Gather/Clean Data Finish Data Extract Programming <br> Check Data Integrity <br> Develop Data Dictionary

## SYNTHESIZE

Evaluate Significance
Rationalize Results
Evaluate Practicality
Present Results

## Data Collection Phase



## Data Collection Phase

1. Created 2 complete data warehouses using SQL Server 2012 BI Edition

- All billing addresses are verified and standardized using $3^{\text {rd }}$-party software (NetZipCode by The Software Company)
- All contact names are parsed and genderized (NetGender by The Software Company)
- Email and phone numbers formats are checked using Regular Expressions
- Contact records are de-duplicated based on parts of last name, street address and zip code and/or email address.
- Includes all sales transactions down to the item level
- Includes order notes, customer notes and delivery status notes since 2012
- Include all email opens, clicks, bounces, unsubscribes and non-responses since 2008
- Included 224 census variables joined at the zip code level (Zip Code USA)
- Included 42 purchased demographic variables and last move date (Acxiom)


## Data Collection Phase

2. Wrote SQL Queries to create analysis dataset for each winery

- Included all wine club members that were active (not cancelled) as of 1/1/2010
- Sales \& Email transactional data included through 12/31/2013
- Summarized sales data by:
- Wine Club Sales / Non-Wine Club Sales / Total Sales
- Summarized email data by:
- Promotion-oriented emails / General information emails / Total emails
- Created 48 monthly snapshots at customer level (i.e., $1 / 2010$ through 12/2013)
- Summed lifetime-to-date sales and email variables
- Captured the prior month's activity
- Captured all account-level changes and notes for each snapshot
- Created 2 target cancellation target variables -3 months and 6 months into the future


## Data Collection Phase

3. Tweaked data collection approach after reviewing data

- Recognized that we don't have near enough data to predict on a monthly snapshot level. Only $2 \%$ cancel on a monthly basis. Rare event.
- Created 1 modeling file for each winery:
- Snapshot of cancelled club members as they looked the month that they cancelled. Binary target value = 1 (cancelled).
- Snapshot of non-cancelled club members as they looked on 12/2013. Binary target value = 0 (not cancelled).

4. Standardized summarized sales and count variables

- Total sales and count measures for non-cancelled members would increase the longer they remained active which would be collinear with Months Since Club Start.
- Standardized each variable by dividing by the months since first activity. Example: Cumulative Wine Club Sales is standardized by taking Cumulative Wine Club Sales divided by Number of Months Since First Wine Club Sale.


## Data Discovery Phase

## 1. Created SAS Macro to automate plotting of interval variables

- Histogram $\rightarrow$ Assess normality
- For non-normal data, look for optimal categorization of data (e.g., age, miles from winery)
- Scatterplot across Target $\rightarrow$ Assess patterns / correlation
- Investigate variables that are overly correlated with target (collinearity)
- Boxplots across Target $\rightarrow$ Assess differences in mean, median and variation
- Identify large difference in variances indicating potential non-linear relationship. Highlight for further investigation

2. Created SAS Macro to help identify interactions

- Runs linear regression on each unique combination of interval predictor variables (Y by X) across target variable. Saves parameters and standard errors estimates to macro variables
- Uses PROC SQL to standardize beta estimate using standard error and then calculates differences across target variable (i.e., large difference between the slope of the bivariate fit across the binary target).
- Prints sorted report to identify potential interactions to investigate further


## Data Discovery Phase

## 3. Used JMP to visually assess categorical variables across target

- Where possible, tried to collapse categories down to binary variables
- Primarily used judgment but also looked at decision tree splits
- Standardized similar variables across winery
- Example: Wine Club Tier was decomposed to bottles per shipment, frequency and base-club/special-club indicators. Winery A and Winery B have very different clubs. This was an attempt to generalize predictor variables across wineries.
- Fixed any missing values through imputation (very few missing values)
- Removed fields that were junk or highly dimensional
- Zip Code, CSA, CBSA, PMSA, etc.
- Removed text notes and shipment delivery data because it was only available for 2 of the 4 years being studied. Will run separate analysis.


## Data Discovery Phase

## 4. Used Principal Components on Zip-level Census Data

- Needed a way to create distinct categories from 224 predictor variables
- Used SAS Enterprise Miner with default settings (correlation matrix). Used SAS node to save 5 principal components back to SAS dataset


## Logistic Modeling Phase

1. Ran Discriminant Analysis to Evaluate Separation


Winery B


## Logistic Modeling Phase

## 2. Investigated Potential Quadratics Identified in Data Discovery

| Quadratics with Signficant p-values |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Winery A | Winery B |
| Avg_lub_ItemPrice*Avg_Club_ItemPrice | Avg_lub_ItemPrice*Avg_lub_ItemPrice |
| Club_ItemsPerOrder*Av__Club_ItemsPerorder | Avg_Club_temsPerorder*Avg_lub_temsPerOrder |
| Avg_Club_Salesperorder*Avg_llub_Salesperorder | Avg_Club_SalesPerorder**vg_Club_SalesPerorder |
| Avg_Nonclub_ItemPrice*Avg_NonClub_ItemPrice | Avg_NonClub_ltemPrice*Avg_Nonclub_ItemPric |
|  | Avg_Nonclub_ItemsPerorder*Avg_NonClub_ItemsPerorder |
| NonClub_SalesPerorder*Avg_NonClub_SalesPerorder | onClub_SalesPerOrder*Avg_NonClub_Salesperorder |
| Cumu_Al_DiscPet*Cumu_AL_DiscPet |  |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPCt*Cumu_Club_DiscPet | Cumu_Club_DiscPCt*Cumu_Club_DiscPct |
| umu_NonClub_DiscPra*Cumu_NonClub_DiscPrt | Cumu_NonClub_Discrcte*Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct |
| STD_Cuml_All_Click**TD_Cuml_All_Clicks | onthssinceClubstar*MonthssinceClubstart |
| STD_CumI_AL_Disc**ST_Cuml_AL_Disc | MonthsSiincelast_Club*Monthssincelast_Cl |
| uml_All_Discountoffers*ST_CumI_Al_Discountoffers | Monthsinincelast_NonCluw ${ }^{*}$ Monthssincelast_NonClub |
| STD_Cuml_AL_Items*STD_CumI_AL_Items | STD_Cuml_All_Clicks*ST_Cuml_All_licks |
| STD_Cuml_Al_Net*ST_Cuml_AL_Net | STD_Cuml_AL_Dis**ST_Cuml_AL_Disc |
| D_CumI_Al_NoResponses*ST_Cuml_All_NoResponses | STD_Cuml_All_Discountoffers*STD_Cuml_All_Discounto |
| STD_Cuml_All_Opens*STD_Cuml_All_Opens | STD_Cuml_AL_Items*TT_Cuml_ALLItems |
| STD_Cuml_ALL_Orders*STD_Cuml_ALL_Orders | STD_Cuml_All_Net*STD_Cum_ALI_Net |
| Cuml_Al_Shippingoffers*STD_Cuml_All_Shippingoffers | STD_Cuml_Al_Opens*ST_Cuml_All_Opens |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Disc*STD_Cuml_Club_Disc | STD_Cuml_ALL_Orders*TD_Cuml_AL_Orders |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Net*ST_Cuml_Club_Net | STD_Cuml_Club_Disc*STD_Cuml_Club_Disc |
| S_CumI_Club_orders**TD_Cumi_Club_orde | -Cuml_Club_Items*STD_CumI_Club_Items |
| SD_CumI_NonClub_Disc*STD_Cumi_NonClub_Dise | STD_Cuml_Club_Net*ST_CumI_Club_Net |
| _Cuml_NonClub_Items*ST__Cumi_Nonclub_Item | STD_Cumi_Club_orders*ST_CumI_Club_orders |
| STI_Cuml_NonClub_Net*STOCumi_NonClub_Net | STD_Cuml_NonClub_Dise*ST_Cumi_NonClub_ isi |
| ST_CumıNonClub_orders*STD_Cumi_NonClub_Orders | STD_Cuml_NonClub_Items*STD_CumI |
|  | STD_Cuml_NonClub_Net*STD_CumI_NonClub |
|  | STD_Cuml_NonClub_Orders*STD_Cuml_NonClub_Orders |

$\leftarrow \quad$ Highlighted variables are common between wineries

## Logistic Modeling Phase

## 3. Investigated Potential Interactions Identified in Data Discovery

## Interactions with Signficant p-values

## Winery A

MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL*Avg_Club_ItemPrice MonthsSinceFirst_ALL*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers MonthsSinceFirst_Club*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers MonthsSinceLast_NonClub*Avg_Club_ItemPrice MonthsSinceLast_NonClub*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers

Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct*Avg_Club_ItemPrice Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers

MonthsSinceLast_ALL*Avg_Club_ItemPrice
Avg_NonClub_SalesPerOrder*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers STD_Cuml_All_Reminders*MonthsSinceLast_NonClub Avg_NonClub_ItemPrice*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers*Avg_NonClub_ItemsPerOrder STD_Cuml_Club_Orders*STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers MonthsSinceLast Club*MonthsSinceLast EmailALL MonthsSinceLast_NonClub*STD_Cuml_All_Opens Avg_NonClub_SalesPerOrder*STD_Cuml_All_Reminders MonthsSinceLast_ALL*STD_Cuml_All_Reminders

## Winery B

MonthsSinceFirst_Club*STD_Cuml_Club_Disc STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers*STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers

STD_Cuml_Club_Net*STD_Cuml_Club_Disc
STD_Cuml_NonClub_Net*STD_Cuml_NonClub_Disc
STD_Cuml_Club_Items*STD_Cuml_Club_Disc
MonthsSinceFirst_ALL*STD_Cuml_All_Reminders
STD_Cuml_Club_Net*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers
STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers*STD_Cuml_Club_Items STD_Cuml_Club_Disc*MonthsSinceClubStart
STD_Cuml_All_Reminders*MonthsSinceLast_NonClub STD_Cuml_NonClub_Disc*STD_Cuml_ALL_Items
Avg_NonClub_ItemsPerOrder*STD_Cuml_NonClub_Disc STD_Cuml_All_Reminders*MonthsSinceLast_ALL STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers*STD_Cuml_Club_Orders STD_Cuml_NonClub_Items*Cumu_ALL_DiscPct Cumu_ALL_DiscPct*Avg_NonClub_SalesPerOrder STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers*STD_Cuml_ALL_Net

STD_Cuml_ALL_Items*Cumu_ALL_DiscPct STD_Cuml_ALL_Net*Cumu_ALL_DiscPct STD_Cuml_NonClub_Disc*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers MonthsSinceLast_NonClub*STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers Avg_Club_SalesPerOrder*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers

Highlighted variables are common between wineries

## Logistic Modeling Phase

4. Used JMP to fit Logistic Regression Models

- Created Validation / Training columns (60\% training / 40\% Validation)
- Included Main Effects and selected Quadratics \& Interactions
- Used Forward P-value, Forward BIC, Mixed P-value and Max Validation R² model selection techniques.
- The Backward method would not converge (Step-halving limit)
- Manually removed non-significant variables from training models
- Looked at validation misclassification rate as well as true positive and true negative rates to assess fit.
- Considered the tradeoff between a larger model and improvements in misclassification


## Logistic Modeling Phase

## 5. Selected model Training data fit - Winery A

| Parameter Estimates |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Term | Estimate | Std Error | ChiSquare | Prob>ChiSq |
| Last_ClubOrder_GT3months[1] | 3.829101 | 0.391809 | 95.51 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceClubStart | 0.102001 | 0.013562 | 56.56 | <.0001* |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice | -0.08521 | 0.011784 | 52.28 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL_GT24[1] | -1.03459 | 0.152276 | 46.16 | <.0001* |
| (MonthsSinceClubStart-33.8235)*(MonthsSinceClubStart-33.8235) | -0.00095 | 0.000149 | 40.24 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceFirst_ALL | -0.13887 | 0.021955 | 40.01 | <.0001* |
| Recvd_Offer_Last1Months[1] | -0.85057 | 0.134676 | 39.89 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceLast_Club | -0.81555 | 0.13226 | 38.02 | <.0001* |
| (MonthsSinceLast_Club-3.15599)*(MonthsSinceLast_Club-3.15599) | 0.040408 | 0.006625 | 37.20 | <.0001* |
| (MonthsSinceFirst_ALL-23.5952)*(STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers-144463) | 0.065473 | 0.011317 | 33.47 | <.0001* |
| (STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers-1.0146)*(STD_Cuml_Club_Orders-0.35357 | 3.994778 | 0.775057 | 26.57 | <.0001* |
| STD_Cuml_All_NoResponses | 0.464669 | 0.097572 | 22.68 | <.0001* |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice_GT40[1] | 0.796706 | 0.178752 | 19.87 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceFirst_ALL_GT38[1] | -1.05672 | 0.237876 | 19.73 | <.0001* |
| STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers | 0.975295 | 0.230101 | 17.97 | <.0001* |
| (Avg_Club_ItemsPerOrder-3.81659)*(Avg_Club_ItemsPerOrder-3.81659) | 0.03784 | 0.009379 | 16.28 | <.0001* |
| IsClubOnHold[1] | -2.45727 | 0.614917 | 15.97 | <.0001* |
| Avg_Club_ItemsPerOrder | -0.31222 | 0.081077 | 14.83 | 0.0001* |
| STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers | -0.57826 | 0.162282 | 12.70 | 0.0004* |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Orders | 2.855337 | 0.809983 | 12.43 | 0.0004* |
| Intercept | 3.53299 | 1.283081 | 7.58 | $0.0059^{*}$ |
| Ever_NoResponse[1] | 0.399119 | 0.172197 | 5.37 | 0.0205* |
| For log odds of $1 / 0$ |  |  |  |  |

## Logistic Modeling Phase

## 5. Selected model Training data fit - Winery B

| Parameter Estimates |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Term | Estimate | Std Error | ChiSquare | Prob>ChiSq |
| STD_Cuml_All_Reminders | -9.631328 | 0.9765637 | 97.27 | <.0001* |
| STD_Cuml_All_Opens | 2.14672876 | 0.2205993 | 94.70 | <.0001* |
| Intercept | 25.9402133 | 2.8650896 | 81.97 | <.0001* |
| STD_Cuml_All_NoResponses | 1.90243785 | 0.2171145 | 76.78 | <.0001* |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Disc | 0.67864079 | 0.0798893 | 72.16 | <.0001* |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice | -0.6143825 | 0.0785344 | 61.20 | <.0001* |
| MilesFromWinery_GT100[1] | 0.77706775 | 0.1073412 | 52.41 | <.0001* |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct | 0.28163626 | 0.0390569 | 52.00 | <.0001* |
| Avg_Club_ItemsPerOrder | -4.2980506 | 0.6166689 | 48.58 | <.0001* |
| Avg_Club_SalesPerOrder | 0.11778271 | 0.0176163 | 44.70 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceFirst_Club | -0.196084 | 0.0331075 | 35.08 | <.0001* |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Items | -1.647882 | 0.2812174 | 34.34 | <.0001* |
| Had_ClubOrder_Last3Months[1] | -0.9052184 | 0.1591926 | 32.33 | <.0001* |
| Ever_NoResponse[1] | 1.03792683 | 0.192511 | 29.07 | <,0001* |
| Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct_GTO[1] | -0.4015944 | 0.075673 | 28.16 | <.0001* |
| Recvd_Offer_Last1Months[1] | -0.8928491 | 0.1700803 | 27.56 | <.0001* |
| STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers | -3.3682415 | 0.6669801 | 25.50 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceLast_Club | -0.1707746 | 0.0344619 | 24.56 | <.0001* |
| (STD_Cuml_Club_Items-1.4453)*(STD_Cuml_Club_Items-1.4453) | 0.35079917 | 0.0713268 | 24.19 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceFirst_Club_GT38[1] | 0.61846875 | 0.1538522 | 16.16 | <.0001* |
| (STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers-0.47225)*(STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers-0.47225 | 3.34335646 | 0.944236 | 12.54 | 0.0004* |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Items_GT1[1] | -0.3693969 | 0.1101996 | 11.24 | $0.0008^{*}$ |
| MonthsSinceFirst_ALL | -0.0837471 | 0.0317398 | 6.96 | 0.0083* |
| (Avg_Club_ItemPrice-32.3626)*(Avg_Club_ItemPrice-32.3626) | 0.01071394 | 0.0041196 | 6.76 | 0.0093* |
| MonthsSinceFirst_NonClub | -0.0154411 | 0.0065316 | 5.59 | 0.0181* |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Net_GT40[1] | 0.23974925 | 0.1184606 | 4.10 | $0.0430^{*}$ |
| For log odds of 1 /0 |  |  |  |  |

## Logistic Modeling Phase

## 5. Selected model Validation data fit - Winery A

| Parameter Estimates |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Term | Estimate | Std Error | ChiSquare | Prob>ChiSq |
| Last_ClubOrder_GT3months[1] | 2.96900218 | 0.3763348 | 62.24 | <.0001* |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice | -0.0686503 | 0.0120983 | 32.20 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceClubStart | 0.09593869 | 0.0177301 | 29.28 | <.0001* |
| (Avg_Club_ItemsPerOrder-3.81251)*(Avg_Club_ItemsPerOrder-3.81251) | 0.06185406 | 0.0120689 | 26.27 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceFirst_ALL | -0.1415965 | 0.0282999 | 25.03 | <.0001* |
| (MonthsSinceLast_Club-3.28021)*(MonthsSinceLast_Club-3.28021) | 0.01847291 | 0.0037135 | 24.75 | <.0001* |
| (MonthsSinceClubStart-33.7635)*(MonthsSinceClubStart-33.7635) | -0.0010675 | 0.0002179 | 24.00 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL_GT24[1] | -0.7756738 | 0.1710178 | 20.57 | <.0001* |
| Avg_Club_ItemsPerOrder | -0.4897605 | 0.1099541 | 19.84 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceLast_Club | -0.4616904 | 0.1112078 | 17.24 | <.0001* |
| (MonthsSinceFirst_ALL-23.6116)*(STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers-1.44769) | 0.05181686 | 0.0130337 | 15.81 | <.0001* |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice_GT40[1] | 0.6618244 | 0.1815623 | 13.29 | 0.0003* |
| (STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers-1.01192)*(STD_Cuml_Club_Orders-0.35117) | 2.9840402 | 0.8742246 | 11.65 | 0.0006* |
| Recvd_Offer_Last1Months[1] | -0.5237691 | 0.1597523 | 10.75 | $0.0010^{*}$ |
| MonthsSinceFirst_ALL_GT38[1] | -0.9034748 | 0.2762351 | 10.70 | 0.0011* |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Orders | 2.88895828 | 0.9400641 | 9.44 | 0.0021* |
| IsClubOnHold[1] | -1.6013969 | 0.535068 | 8.96 | 0.0028* |
| Intercept | 3.71456228 | 1.3524429 | 7.54 | $0.0060^{*}$ |
| STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers | -0.4955241 | 0.1860753 | 7.09 | $0.0077{ }^{*}$ |
| Ever_NoResponse[1] | 0.48089413 | 0.1991398 | 5.83 | 0.0157* |
| STD_Cuml_All_NoResponses | 0.24589028 | 0.112456 | 4.78 | 0.0288* |
| STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers | 0.50420081 | 0.2592509 | 3.78 | 0.0518 |
| For log odds of $1 / 0$ |  |  |  |  |

## Logistic Modeling Phase

## 5. Selected model Validation data fit - Winery B

| Parameter Estimates |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Term | Estimate | Std Error | ChiSquare | Prob>ChiSq |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Disc | 0.90733452 | 0.1065139 | 72.56 | <.0001* |
| STD_Cuml_All_Reminders | -10.58711 | 1.3784664 | 58.99 | <.0001* |
| Intercept | 26.6171937 | 3.7295048 | 50.94 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceFirst_Club | -0.2829162 | 0.0399271 | 50.21 | <.0001* |
| STD_Cuml_All_NoResponses | 1.86160046 | 0.2663367 | 48.86 | <.0001* |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Items | -2.6214609 | 0.3770172 | 48.35 | <.0001* |
| (STD_Cuml_Club_Items-1.46596)*(STD_Cuml_Club_Items-1.46596) | 0.63122086 | 0.0976554 | 41.78 | <.0001* |
| STD_Cuml_All_Opens | 1.67058941 | 0.2772699 | 36.30 | <.0001* |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct | 0.30029103 | 0.0518868 | 33.49 | <.0001* |
| MilesFromWinery_GT100[1] | 0.72238873 | 0.1316393 | 30.11 | <.0001* |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice | -0.5547663 | 0.1036826 | 28.63 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceFirst_Club_GT38[1] | 1.03022219 | 0.1985339 | 26.93 | <.0001* |
| MonthsSinceLast_Club | -0.2115964 | 0.049082 | 18.59 | <.0001* |
| Avg_Club_ItemsPerOrder | -3.3736742 | 0.8016769 | 17.71 | <.0001* |
| Ever_NoResponse[1] | 1.04781717 | 0.2516152 | 17.34 | <.0001* |
| Avg_Club_SalesPerOrder | 0.09053464 | 0.0235865 | 14.73 | 0.0001* |
| Recvd_Offer_Last1Months[1] | -0.8426719 | 0.2230036 | 14.28 | 0.0002* |
| Had_ClubOrder_Last3Months[1] | -0.7361182 | 0.2057208 | 12.80 | 0.0003* |
| STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers | -2.7983387 | 0.8684329 | 10.38 | 0.0013* |
| MonthsSinceFirst_NonClub | -0.0225311 | 0.0083197 | 7.33 | $0.0068^{*}$ |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Net_GT40[1] | 0.35806063 | 0.1499867 | 5.70 | $0.0170^{*}$ |
| Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct_GTO[1] | -0.2090313 | 0.1001151 | 4.36 | $0.0368^{*}$ |
| MonthsSinceFirst_ALL | -0.0638511 | 0.0349325 | 3.34 | 0.0676 |
| (Avg_Club_ItemPrice-32.365)*(Avg_Club_ItemPrice-32.365) | 0.00834604 | 0.0047157 | 3.13 | 0.0768 |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Items_GT1[1] | -0.2394282 | 0.143602 | 2.78 | 0.0955 |
| (STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers-0.47199)*(STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers-0.47199 | 1.42217907 | 1.1780317 | 1.46 | 0.2273 |
| For log odds of 1/0 |  |  |  |  |

## Logistic Modeling Phase

## 6. Are parameters intuitive? Winery A

| When the following INCREASES: | Attrition <br> Risk: | Immediately <br> Intuitive? |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Last wine club order was >3 months ago | $\uparrow$ | Yes | No recent club orders likely means credit card declined |
| Average price per item in club shipment | $\downarrow$ | No | Primary club tier was discontinued and replaced by higher priced in 2012 |
| Number of months since club start date | $\uparrow$ | Yes | Quadratic effect. Increases risk until 33.76 months and then lowers risk |
| Number of months since first purchase | $\downarrow$ | No | First purchase likely before club membership began - loyal ambassadors |
| First email sent >24 months ago | $\downarrow$ | Yes | Indicates we've had working email address for quite some time. Lowers risk. |
| Average items per club shipment | $\downarrow$ | No | Quadratic effect. Decreases risk until 3.81 items and then increases risk |
| Number of months since last club shipment | $\downarrow$ | No | Quadratic effect. Decreases attrition risk until 3.28 months and then increases risk |
| Average price per item in club shipment > \$40 | $\uparrow$ | Yes | Very high priced (\$90/bottle) Vintner Select case club was discontinued |
| Received email promotional offer last month | $\downarrow$ | Yes | Members receiving recent email promotion |
| Number of months since first purchase >38 | $\downarrow$ | Yes | First purchase likely before club membership began - loyal ambassadors |
| Standardized cumulative club orders | $\uparrow$ | Yes | More club orders equates to more time in club and increase risk |
| Club is on hold | $\downarrow$ | Yes | Clubs that are on hold are just skipping a few shipments. Will be reactivated. |
| Standardized cumlative email shipping discount offers | $\downarrow$ | Yes | Members that receive discounted shipping offers have lower risk. Deal seekers. |
| At least one email was NOT opened | $\uparrow$ | Yes | Members that don't open emails are less engaged and higher risk |
| Standardized cumulative email non responses | $\uparrow$ | Yes | Members that don't open emails are less engaged and higher risk |
| Standardized cumulative email product discount offers | $\uparrow$ | No | Members that receive product discount offers may feel overcharged for club shipment |

## Logistic Modeling Phase

## 6. Are parameters intuitive? Winery B

| When the following INCREASES: | Attrition Risk: | Immediately Intuitive? | Potential Explanation: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Standardized cumulative club discount | $\uparrow$ | Yes | Discounts have slowly been taken away. Price senstitive members are leaving. |
| Standardized cumulative email reminders | $\downarrow$ | No | Email offers have been greatly reduced in lieu of telesales. Very few email reminders. |
| Number of months since first club purchase | $\downarrow$ | No | Members that have been transacting for a long time are lower risk (loyal) |
| Standardized cumulative email no responses | $\uparrow$ | Yes | Members that don't open emails are less engaged and higher risk |
| Standardized cumulative club items | $\downarrow$ | No | Quadratic effect. Decreases risk until 1.47 items and then increases risk |
| Standardized cumulative email opens | $\uparrow$ | No | Emails are very winery news \& event oriented. May be alienating distant customers. |
| Cumulative average club discount percent | $\uparrow$ | No | Members with a high average discount \% are higher risk. May be price sensitive |
| Miles from winery > 100 | $\uparrow$ | Yes | Strong local following due to winery events. Less strong for distant members |
| Average club item price | $\downarrow$ | Yes | Quadratic effect. Decreases risk until \$ 32.37 and then increases risk |
| Number of months since first club purchase > 38 | $\uparrow$ | No | Length of time since membership started increases risk |
| Months since last club order | $\downarrow$ | No | Could be impact of club option to consolidate shipments (ship fewer times per year) |
| Average club items per order | $\downarrow$ | Yes | Large base of loyal club members participating at minimum level |
| At least one email was NOT opened | $\uparrow$ | Yes | Members that don't open email are less engaged and higher risk |
| Average club sales per order | $\uparrow$ | Yes | Average cost of club has been rising leading to increased risk |
| Received email offer in last month | $\downarrow$ | Yes | Members receiving recent email promotion show lower risk |
| Had a club order in past 3 months | $\downarrow$ | Yes | Members with high recency are lower risk |
| Standardized cumulative email shipping offers | $\downarrow$ | No | Quadratic effect. Decreases risk until . 47 shipping offers and then increases risk |
| Number of months since first non-club purchase | $\downarrow$ | No | First purchase likely before club began - loyal ambassadors |
| Standardized cumulative net sales > \$40 | $\uparrow$ | Yes | Members that average \$40 per month are higher risk. May want discount for large purchase |
| Average cumulative non-club discount percent $>0 \%$ | $\downarrow$ | Yes | Members that utilize their club discount for a la carte wines are lower risk |
| Number of months since first order of any type | $\downarrow$ | No | First purchase likely before club began - loyal ambassadors |
| Standardized cumulative club items > 1 | $\downarrow$ | Yes | Members that average 1+ bottle of club wine per month are lower risk |

## Logistic Modeling Phase

7. Assess Validity of Model - Winery A Marginal Model Plots \#1





IsClubCancelled \& Prob[1] vs. Avg_Club _ltems Perorder
Avg. Club Items
Per Order




## Logistic Modeling Phase

7. Assess Validity of Model - Winery A Marginal Model Plots \#2




## Logistic Modeling Phase

7. Assess Validity of Model - Winery B Marginal Model Plots \#1







## Logistic Modeling Phase

7. Assess Validity of Model - Winery B Marginal Model Plots \#2


## Logistic Modeling Phase

8. Validation model Gains Chart - Winery A

| Decile | Cancels | Cuml \% <br> of Cancels |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 133 | $32.4 \%$ |
| 2 | 123 | $62.4 \%$ |
| 3 | 68 | $79.0 \%$ |
| 4 | 38 | $88.3 \%$ |
| 5 | 20 | $93.2 \%$ |
| 6 | 8 | $95.1 \%$ |
| 7 | 5 | $96.3 \%$ |
| 8 | 6 | $97.8 \%$ |
| 9 | 6 | $99.3 \%$ |
| 10 | 3 | $100.0 \%$ |



## Logistic Modeling Phase

8. Validation model Gains Chart - Winery B

| Decile | Cancels | Cuml \% <br> of Cancels |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 240 | $26.8 \%$ |
| 2 | 241 | $53.7 \%$ |
| 3 | 230 | $79.4 \%$ |
| 4 | 118 | $92.6 \%$ |
| 5 | 30 | $96.0 \%$ |
| 6 | 14 | $97.5 \%$ |
| 7 | 6 | $98.2 \%$ |
| 8 | 5 | $98.8 \%$ |
| 9 | 5 | $99.3 \%$ |
| 10 | 6 | $100.0 \%$ |



## Logistic Modeling Phase

9. Cutoff Analysis - Validation data

Winery A
Winery B

Posterior Probability = 0.31

| Cutoff: 0.50 | Predicted |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 885 | 54 |
| Cancelled | 101 | 309 |
| Cutoff: 0.45 | Predicted |  |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 866 | 73 |
| Cancelled | 89 | 321 |
| Cutoff: 0.40 | Predicted |  |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 853 | 86 |
| Cancelled | 82 | 328 |
| Cutoff: 0.35 | Predicted |  |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 835 | 104 |
| Cancelled | 74 | 336 |
| Cutoff: 0.30 | Predicted |  |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 802 | 137 |
| Cancel | 60 | 350 |

Misclass Rate: $11.49 \%$ True Negative Rate: 94.25\% True Positive Rate: 75.37\%

Misclass Rate: 12.01\% True Negative Rate: 92.23\% True Positive Rate: 78.29\%

Misclass Rate: $12.45 \%$ True Negative Rate: 90.84\% True Positive Rate: 80.00\%

Misclass Rate: 13.19\% True Negative Rate: 88.92\% True Positive Rate: 81.95\%

Misclass Rate: $14.60 \%$ True Negative Rate: $85.41 \%$ True Positive Rate: 85.37\%

Posterior Probability $\mathbf{= 0 . 3 7}$

| Cutoff: 0.50 | Predicted |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 1451 | 62 |
| Cancelled | 115 | 780 |
| Cutoff: 0.45 | Predicted |  |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 1442 | 71 |
| Cancelled | 106 | 789 |
| Cutoff: 0.40 | Predicted |  |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 1428 | 85 |
| Cancelled | 92 | 803 |
| Cutoff: 0.35 | Predicted |  |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 1415 | 98 |
| Cancelled | 84 | 811 |
| Cutoff: 0.30 | Predicted |  |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 1392 | 121 |
| Cancelled | 72 | 823 |

Misclass Rate: 7.35\% True Negative Rate: $95.90 \%$ True Positive Rate: 87.15\%

Misclass Rate: 7.35\% True Negative Rate: 95.31\% True Positive Rate: 88.16\%

Misclass Rate: 7.35\% True Negative Rate: 94.38\% True Positive Rate: 89.72\%

Misclass Rate: 7.56\% True Negative Rate: 93.52\% True Positive Rate: 90.61\%

Misclass Rate: 8.01\%

## Logistic Modeling Phase

## 10. Key Learnings

- There were far fewer predictors in common between wineries than I would have anticipated. It appears that underlying club structure and wineryspecific processes have a great deal of influence on attrition.
- Wine club members tend to be a very homogeneous group. None of the purchased demographic variables ended up in either model.
- It's critical to have some subject matter experts that have been around awhile. Managerial decisions made in the past can make the interpretation of parameters difficult without context (e.g., clubs being discontinued).
- The customer's geographic location doesn't have much impact. I used Principal Components on 200+ zip-level variables, census divisions \& regions, MSA's and Miles From Winery. Only Winery B showed a significant effect for nearby customers (they have many more winery events).


## Supplementary Analysis

## Supplementary Analysis Overview

1. Would like to know both "if" and "when" a customer will cancel

- Used Survival Analysis to predicted time-to-event
- Much of this analysis based on the book Survival Analysis Using SAS: A Practical Guide, Second Edition by Paul D. Allison (SAS Press, 2010).
- Additional insight was gained from SUGI paper \#114-27 entitled Predicting Customer Churn in the Telecommunications Industry - An Application of Survival Analysis Modeling Using SAS by Junxiang Lu, PHD.
- Survival Analysis was not covered in any detail in the MS Analytics program. The goal of this analysis is to better understand the method - not produce an optimum model.

2. Would like compare "traditional" logistic modeling to SEM

- What does the "best" logistic model look like in SAS Enterprise Miner?
- Similarities \& differences from JMP model


## Survival Analysis

## Survival Analysis

## 1. Modeling Methodology \& Process

- Target variable was MonthsSinceClubStart. Censoring variable was IsClubCancelled ( $1=$ Yes, $0=$ No)
- Accounts that were still active at end of study were right-censored
- Unlike logistic, I limited this study to customers that are within 5 years of club start date. I found that too many outliers result in very poor survival estimates.
- Started with the same main effects, quadratics and interactions discovered previously. Removed any effects that could act as a proxy for the target.
- Used semi-parametric stepwise PROC PHREG to decrease the number of effects.
- Manually removed any remaining terms with p-value > 0.05
- Evaluated shape of survival distribution
- Evaluated model significance and goodness of fit


## Survival Analysis

## 1. Modeling Methodology \& Process (continued)

- Used JMP to evaluate shape of Log(MonthsSinceClubStart)
- Used parametric PROC LIFEREG to predict survival probabilities
- Generating predicted event times is cumbersome with PHREG and relatively easy with LIFEREG. However, LIFEREG doesn't handle time-dependent covariates which may be a weakness in my methodology.
- Built models using different distributions and observed AIC. Selected Weibull.
- Used Paul Allison "Predict" Macro to calculate survival rates for 6, 12, 18, 24, 30 \& 36 month periods.
- Calculated attrition rate at each period as 1 minus Survival probability
- Validated model with $40 \%$ holdout sample
- Calculated misclassification rate for the period within 24 months of start date
- Calculated Gains Chart reflecting cumulative cancels up to specified periods


## Survival Analysis

## 2. Semi-parametric model fit using PHREG - Winery A

| Analysis of Maximum Likelihood Estimates |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Parameter | DF | Parameter Estimate | Standard Error | Chi- <br> Square | $\mathrm{Pr}>\mathrm{ChiSq}$ | Hazard Ratio |
| MonthsSinceLast_Club | 1 | 0.05865 | 0.01115 | 27.6824 | <. 0001 | 1.060 |
| MonthsSinceLast_ALL | 1 | -0.05747 | 0.00683 | 70.8166 | <. 0001 | 0.944 |
| Had_NonClubOrder_Last1Months | 1 | -0.87379 | 0.17851 | 23.9612 | <. 0001 | 0.417 |
| Avg_NonClub_ItemsPerOrder | 1 | 0.03231 | 0.00742 | 18.9397 | <. 0001 | 1.033 |
| STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers | 1 | 0.36973 | 0.05025 | 54.1412 | <. 0001 | 1.447 |
| STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers | 1 | -1.13816 | 0.09366 | $147.6678$ | <. 0001 |  |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Orders | 1 | 4.77903 | 0.26190 | 332.9693 | <. 0001 | 118.989 |
| STD_Cuml_ALL_Net | 1 | -0.00373 | 0.0005528 | 45.4218 | <. 0001 | 0.996 |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice_GT40 | 1 | 0.67529 | 0.12488 | 29.2424 | <. 0001 | 1.965 |
| Cumu_ALL_DiscPct_GT20 | 1 | -0.54452 | 0.09608 | 32.1182 | <. 0001 | 0.580 |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct_GT20 | 1 | -0.53364 | 0.13185 | 16.3800 | <. 0001 | 0.586 |
| STD_CumI_Club_Net_GT40 | 1 | 0.76123 | 0.10441 | 53.1563 | <. 0001 | 2.141 |
| Is_CoreClubMember | 1 | 0.52418 | 0.14605 | 12.8808 | 0.0003 | 1.689 |
| Last_ClubOrder_GT3months | 1 | 1.09657 | 0.09934 | 121.8598 | <. 0001 | 2.994 |
| STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers*STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers | 1 | 0.27309 | $0.0246$ | $122.4772$ | $<.0001$ | . |

## Survival Analysis

## 2. Semi-parametric model fit using PHREG - Winery B

| Analysis of Maximum Likelihood Estimates |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Parameter | DF | Parameter Estimate | Standard Error | Chi-Square | $\mathrm{Pr}>\mathrm{ChiSq}$ | Hazard Ratio |
| Ever_Clicked | 1 | -0.60776 | 0.06395 | 90.3100 | <. 0001 | 0.545 |
| Ever_Bounced | 1 | -0.47159 | 0.10075 | 21.9086 | <. 0001 | 0.624 |
| MonthsSinceLast_ALL | 1 | -0.04438 | 0.00368 | 145.0643 | < 0001 | 0.957 |
| NonClubSale_Ever | 1 | 0.51755 | 0.06276 | 68.0016 | < 0001 | 1.678 |
| Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct | 1 | 0.02500 | 0.00657 | 14.4752 | 0.0001 | 1.025 |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct | 1 | -0.20420 | 0.01234 | 273.8574 | <. 0001 |  |
| Moved_Last3Months | 1 | 0.60414 | 0.16291 | 13.7532 | 0.0002 | 1.830 |
| Recvd_Offer_Last1Months | 1 | -0.24320 | 0.06021 | 16.3141 | <. 0001 | 0.784 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Opens | 1 | 0.34481 | 0.05042 | 46.7702 | <.0001 | 1.412 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Clicks | 1 | 1.66088 | 0.23638 | 49.3683 | <.0001 |  |
| STD_Cuml_All_Bounces | 1 | 3.22136 | 0.59234 | 29.5763 | <.0001 | 25.062 |
| STD_Cuml_All_NoResponses | 1 | 0.26742 | 0.04433 | 36.3852 | <.0001 | 1.307 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Reminders | 1 | -2.32337 | 0.29014 | 64.1229 | <.0001 | 0.098 |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Orders | 1 | 0.81229 | 0.15089 | 28.9801 | <.0001 | 2.253 |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Disc | 1 | 0.08520 | 0.01301 | 42.8991 | <.0001 |  |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct_GT20 | 1 | -2.28838 | 0.22969 | 99.2575 | <. 0001 | 0.101 |
| Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct_GT0 | 1 | -1.55506 | 0.12104 | 165.0602 | <.0001 | 0.211 |
| MilesFromWinery_GT100 | 1 | 0.33241 | 0.06172 | 29.0077 | < 0001 | 1.394 |
| Is_CoreClubMember | 1 | 0.46935 | 0.07301 | 41.3306 | <. 0001 | 1.599 |
| Last_ClubOrder_GT3months | 1 | 0.54658 | 0.05985 | 83.3983 | <. 0001 | 1.727 |
| STD_CumI_All_Clicks*STD_Cuml_All_Clicks | 1 | -0.77186 | 0.15523 | 24.7259 | <. 0001 |  |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct*Cumu_Club_DiscPct | 1 | 0.01220 | 0.0005537 | $485.6059$ | <.0001 |  |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Disc*STD_Cuml_Club_Disc | 1 | -0.0008748 | 0.0001993 | 19.2658 | <.0001 |  |

## Survival Analysis

3. Used JMP to Evaluate Shape of Log(MonthsSinceClubStart)

Winery A


Winery B


## Survival Analysis

## 4. Training model fit using LIFEREG - Winery A

| Analysis of Maximum Likelihood Parameter Estimates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Parameter | DF | Estimate | Standard Error | 95\% Confid | Limits | Chi-Square | $\mathrm{Pr}>\mathrm{ChiSq}$ |
| Intercept | 1 | 4.7947 | 0.1431 | 4.5142 | 5.0752 | 1122.32 | <. 0001 |
| MonthsSinceLast_Club | 1 | -0.0321 | 0.0088 | -0.0494 | -0.0149 | 13.30 | 0.0003 |
| MonthsSinceLast_ALL | 1 | 0.0323 | 0.0053 | 0.0219 | 0.0427 | 37.18 | <. 0001 |
| Had_NonClubOrder_Las | 1 | 0.4489 | 0.1307 | 0.1928 | 0.7051 | 11.80 | 0.0006 |
| Avg_NonClub_ItemsPer | 1 | -0.0174 | 0.0058 | -0.0288 | -0.0061 | 9.06 | 0.0026 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Discoun | 1 | -0.2071 | 0.0391 | -0.2837 | -0.1304 | 28.04 | <. 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Shippin | 1 | 0.6933 | 0.0734 | 0.5494 | 0.8372 | 89.20 | <. 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Orders | 1 | -2.6706 | 0.1928 | -3.0485 | -2.2927 | 191.88 | < 0001 |
| STD_CumI_ALL_Net | 1 | 0.0025 | 0.0004 | 0.0017 | 0.0033 | 39.71 | <. 0001 |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice_G | 1 | -0.4292 | 0.0937 | -0.6128 | -0.2455 | 20.98 | <. 0001 |
| Cumu_ALL_DiscPct_GT2 | 1 | 0.3453 | 0.0708 | 0.2065 | 0.4841 | 23.79 | <. 0001 |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct_GT | 1 | 0.2275 | 0.0969 | 0.0375 | 0.4175 | 5.51 | 0.0189 |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Net_GT | 1 | -0.5176 | 0.0764 | -0.6674 | -0.3677 | 45.85 | <. 0001 |
| Is_CoreClubMember | 1 | -0.2992 | 0.1064 | -0.5077 | -0.0907 | 7.91 | 0.0049 |
| Last_ClubOrder_GT3mo | 1 | -0.6337 | 0.0812 | -0.7930 | -0.4745 | $60.84$ | < 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_*STD_Cuml_A | 1 | -0.1593 | 0.0172 | -0.1930 | -0.1257 | 86.03 | <. 0001 |
| Scale | 1 | 0.5805 | 0.0183 | 0.5458 | 0.6174 |  |  |
| Weibull Shape | 1 | 1.7227 | 0.0542 | 1.6197 | 1.8323 |  |  |

## Survival Analysis

## 4. Training model fit using LIFEREG - Winery A



## Survival Analysis

4. Training model fit using LIFEREG - Winery B

| Analysis of Maximum Likelihood Parameter Estimates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Parameter | DF | Estimate | Standard Error | 95\% Confid | Limits | Chi-Square | $\mathrm{Pr}>\mathrm{ChiSq}$ |
| Intercept | 1 | 3.7611 | 0.1251 | 3.5159 | 4.0062 | 904.21 | < 0001 |
| Ever_Clicked | 1 | 0.3515 | 0.0522 | 0.2492 | 0.4538 | 45.36 | <.0001 |
| Ever_Bounced | 1 | 0.3126 | 0.0837 | 0.1484 | 0.4767 | 13.93 | 0.0002 |
| Months SinceLast_ALL | 1 | 0.0301 | 0.0030 | 0.0243 | 0.0359 | 103.70 | < 0001 |
| NonClubSale_Ever | 1 | -0.3924 | 0.0497 | -0.4899 | -0.2949 | 62.24 | < 0001 |
| Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct | 1 | -0.0126 | 0.0051 | -0.0226 | -0.0025 | 5.98 | 0.0144 |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct | 1 | 0.1435 | 0.0097 | 0.1244 | 0.1626 | 217.33 | < 0001 |
| Moved_Last3Months | 1 | -0.4188 | 0.1197 | -0.6535 | -0.1841 | 12.24 | 0.0005 |
| Recvd_Offer_Last1Mon | 1 | 0.1865 | 0.0484 | 0.0915 | 0.2814 | 14.82 | 0.0001 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Opens | 1 | -0.2055 | 0.0411 | -0.2861 | -0.1250 | 25.03 | < 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Clicks | 1 | -1.1978 | 0.1904 | -1.5709 | -0.8247 | 39.59 | < 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Bounces | 1 | -2.3564 | 0.4572 | -3.2525 | -1.4602 | 26.56 | < 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_All_NoRespo | 1 | -0.1598 | 0.0368 | -0.2320 | -0.0877 | 18.85 | < 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Reminde | 1 | 1.2583 | 0.2332 | 0.8014 | 1.7153 | 29.13 | < 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Orders | 1 | -0.3707 | 0.1223 | -0.6104 | -0.1311 | 9.19 | 0.0024 |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Disc | 1 | -0.0624 | 0.0122 | -0.0862 | -0.0386 | 26.33 | < 0001 |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct_GT | 1 | 1.3294 | 0.1972 | 0.9429 | 1.7159 | 45.45 | < 0001 |
| Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct | 1 | 0.9554 | 0.0956 | 0.7681 | 1.1427 | 99.96 | < 0001 |
| MilesFromWinery_GT10 | 1 | -0.1750 | 0.0488 | -0.2707 | -0.0793 | 12.85 | 0.0003 |
| Is_CoreClubMember | 1 | -0.2903 | 0.0596 | -0.4072 | -0.1735 | 23.71 | < 0001 |
| Last_ClubOrder_GT3mo | 1 | -0.3101 | 0.0492 | -0.4065 | -0.2137 | 39.76 | < 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_*STD_CumI_A | 1 | 0.5973 | 0.1238 | 0.3547 | 0.8399 | 23.28 | <. 0001 |
| Cumu_Club*Cumu_Club_ | 1 | -0.0081 | 0.0004 | -0.0090 | -0.0073 | 350.66 | < 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_*STD_CumI_C | 1 | 0.0007 | 0.0002 | 0.0003 | 0.0012 | 9.34 | 0.0022 |
| Scale | 1 | 0.6181 | 0.0129 | 0.5933 | 0.6440 |  |  |
| Weibull Shape | 1 | 1.6177 | 0.0339 | 1.5527 | 1.6855 |  |  |

## Survival Analysis

## 4. Training model fit using LIFEREG - Winery B



## Survival Analysis

5. Validation model Gains Chart - Winery A

|  | 6 Months |  | 12 Months |  | 18 Months |  | 24 Months |  | 30 Months |  | 36 Months |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Decile | Cancels | Cuml \% of Cancels | Cancels | Cuml \% of Cancels | Cancels | Cuml \% of Cancels | Cancels | Cuml \% of Cancels | Cancels | Cuml \% of Cancels | Cancels | Cuml \% of Cancels |
| 1 | 26 | 44.1\% | 33 | 25.6\% | 50 | 21.5\% | 49 | 19.3\% | 43 | 13.9\% | 38 | 11.7\% |
| 2 | 8 | 57.6\% | 34 | 51.9\% | 49 | 42.5\% | 45 | 37.0\% | 52 | 30.7\% | 54 | 28.4\% |
| 3 | 11 | 76.3\% | 24 | 70.5\% | 47 | 62.7\% | 43 | 53.9\% | 60 | 50.2\% | 63 | 47.8\% |
| 4 | 5 | 84.7\% | 14 | 81.4\% | 25 | 73.4\% | 44 | 71.3\% | 51 | 66.7\% | 58 | 65.7\% |
| 5 | 4 | 91.5\% | 11 | 89.9\% | 28 | 85.4\% | 32 | 83.9\% | 46 | 81.6\% | 53 | 82.1\% |
| 6 | 1 | 93.2\% | 3 | 92.2\% | 15 | 91.8\% | 16 | 90.2\% | 24 | 89.3\% | 17 | 87.3\% |
| 7 | 2 | 96.6\% | 6 | 96.9\% | 11 | 96.6\% | 14 | 95.7\% | 16 | 94.5\% | 16 | 92.3\% |
| 8 | 1 | 98.3\% | 2 | 98.4\% | 6 | 99.1\% | 7 | 98.4\% | 10 | 97.7\% | 18 | 97.8\% |
| 9 | 0 | 98.3\% | 0 | 98.4\% | 2 | 100.0\% | 3 | 99.6\% | 5 | 99.4\% | 4 | 99.1\% |
| 10 | 1 | 100.0\% | 2 | 100.0\% | 0 | 100.0\% | 1 | 100.0\% | 2 | 100.0\% | 3 | 100.0\% |

Customers Who Cancelled in First 24 Months

## Survival Analysis

5. Validation model Gains Chart - Winery B

|  | 6 Months |  | 12 Months |  | 18 Months |  | 24 Months |  | 30 Months |  | 36 Months |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Decile | Cancels | Cuml \% of Cancels | Cancels | Cuml \% of Cancels | Cancels | Cuml \% of Cancels | Cancels | Cuml \% of Cancels | Cancels | Cuml \% of Cancels | Cancels | Cuml \% of Cancels |
| 1 | 93 | 45.1\% | 173 | 39.1\% | 207 | 33.5\% | 219 | 32.6\% | 223 | 29.7\% | 219 | 28.7\% |
| 2 | 45 | 67.0\% | 101 | 61.9\% | 135 | 55.3\% | 163 | 56.9\% | 172 | 52.6\% | 156 | 49.2\% |
| 3 | 25 | 79.1\% | 54 | 74.0\% | 78 | 68.0\% | 85 | 69.6\% | 93 | 65.0\% | 93 | 61.4\% |
| 4 | 13 | 85.4\% | 40 | 83.1\% | 55 | 76.9\% | 61 | 78.7\% | 73 | 74.7\% | 80 | 71.9\% |
| 5 | 11 | 90.8\% | 28 | 89.4\% | 57 | 86.1\% | 52 | 86.4\% | 69 | 83.9\% | 72 | 81.4\% |
| 6 | 7 | 94.2\% | 22 | 94.4\% | 37 | 92.1\% | 38 | 92.1\% | 49 | 90.4\% | 47 | 87.5\% |
| 7 | 7 | 97.6\% | 10 | 96.6\% | 19 | 95.1\% | 24 | 95.7\% | 26 | 93.9\% | 43 | 93.2\% |
| 8 | 1 | 98.1\% | 11 | 99.1\% | 16 | 97.7\% | 13 | 97.6\% | 24 | 97.1\% | 25 | 96.5\% |
| 9 | 3 | 99.5\% | 1 | 99.3\% | 7 | 98.9\% | 6 | 98.5\% | 11 | 98.5\% | 23 | 99.5\% |
| 10 | 1 | 100.0\% | 3 | 100.0\% | 7 | 100.0\% | 10 | 100.0\% | 11 | 100.0\% | 4 | 100.0\% |

Customers Who Cancelled in First 24 Months

## Survival Analysis

## 6. Validation Misclassification

## Winery A

Cancellations Within 24 Months of Start Date
Posterior Probability: 0.36

| Cutoff: 0.50 | Predicted |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 281 | 158 |
| Cancelled | 113 | 136 |

Misclass Rate: 39.39\% True Negative Rate: 64.01\% True Positive Rate: 54.62\%

| Cutoff: $\mathbf{0 . 4 0}$ | Predicted |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
|  <br>  |  |  |
|  | $\mathbf{2 5 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 2}$ |
|  | $\mathbf{7 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 0}$ |


| Cutoff: $\mathbf{0 . 3 0}$ | Predicted |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Misclass Rate: $39.97 \%$ |  |  |
|  | $\mathbf{2 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 5}$ |
| Cancelled | $\mathbf{6 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 9}$ |

## Winery B

Cancellations Within 24 Months of Start Date
Posterior Probability: 0.38

| Cutoff: 0.50 | Predicted |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 946 | 142 |
| Cancelled | 205 | 466 |
| Cutoff: 0.40 | Predicted |  |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 831 | 257 |
| Cancelled | 147 | 524 |


| Cutoff: 0.30 | Predicted |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Actual | Active | Cancelled |
| Active | 667 | 421 |
| Cancelled | 82 | 589 |

Misclass Rate: 19.73\% True Negative Rate: 86.95\% True Positive Rate: 69.45\%

Misclass Rate: 22.97\% True Negative Rate: 76.38\% True Positive Rate: 78.09\%

Misclass Rate: 28.60\%
True Negative Rate: 61.31\%
True Positive Rate: 87.78\%

## Survival Analysis

## 7. Key Learnings

- It's difficult to get a great model fit. My theory is that this is due to the large number of censored observations however we also may not have the best predictors for this continuous outcome.
- The Winery A model fit is pretty bad. Perhaps this is due to a smaller dataset or significantly different underlying business processes than Winery B.
- In lieu of Survival Analysis, I think I would attempt to split the dataset into "early life" and "mature" customers and build separate logistic models.
- The underlying theory and assumptions of Survival Analysis are much more complex than Logistic or OLS. A great deal of study is likely required for this method to be optimized. Also, it would be pretty difficult to explain to a non-technical business manager.


## Data Mining Analysis

## SAS Enterprise Miner (SEM) Analysis

## 1. Goals of Research

- Use a data mining approach to understand which logistic models perform best.
- Provided SEM the main effects only.
- Evaluated 6 stepwise options (SLENTER=0.10 / SLSTAY=0.05) and compared results:

1. Variable Selection $\rightarrow$ Forward with NO interactions or quadratics
2. Variable Selection $\rightarrow$ Forward WITH interactions and quadratics
3. Variable Selection $\rightarrow$ Mixed WITH interactions and quadratics
4. Variable Selection $\rightarrow$ Backward WITH interactions and quadratics
5. NO Variable Selection $\rightarrow$ Forward WITH interactions and quadratics
6. NO Variable Selection $\rightarrow$ Mixed WITH interactions and quadratics

- Evaluate the best logistic models to those created in JMP previously
- Do the results look similar?
- Assess some of the tradeoffs between a data mining approach a more structured hypothesis-driven method


## SAS Enterprise Miner Analysis

## 2. Flow Diagram



## SAS Enterprise Miner (SEM) Analysis

## 3. Model Comparison - Winery A

| Model Description | Selection <br> Criterion: <br> Valid: <br> Misclassifica <br> tion Rate | Train: <br> Misclassifica <br> tion Rate | Valid: <br> Average <br> Squared <br> Error | Train: <br> Average <br> Squared <br> Error | Train: <br> Akaike's <br> Information <br> Criterion |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Var Selection Forward Poly | 0.068838 | 0.055418 | 0.059501 | 0.043767 | 803.0277 |
| Forward No Poly | 0.105107 | 0.093518 | 0.08086 | 0.071105 | 1147.206 |
| Var Selection Backward Poly | 0.107328 | 0.017318 | 0.092929 | 0.015806 | 1077.202 |
| Var Selection Forward | 0.131014 | 0.107867 | 0.09507 | 0.082257 | 1221.2 |
| Var Selection Stepwise Poly | 0.310881 | 0.310242 | 0.214234 | 0.213992 | 2505.188 |
| Stepwise No Poly | 0.310881 | 0.310242 | 0.214234 | 0.213992 | 2505.188 |

## SAS Enterprise Miner (SEM) Analysis

## 3. Best Performing Model - Winery A

- Validation Misclassification $=6.09 \% .43$ variables and 73 degrees of freedom

| Effects | DF | Chi-Square | Pr $>$ ChiSq |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL*STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers | 1 | 97.7586 | <. 0001 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL*STD_Cuml_All_Sent | 1 | 77.1963 | <. 0001 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_ALL*STD_Cuml_All_Clicks | 1 | 68.4516 | <. 0001 |
| Had_ClubOrder_Last3Months | 1 | 61.8101 | <. 0001 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL*MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL | 1 | 45.4793 | <. 0001 |
| G_LengthOfResidence*G_MilesFromWineryGroup | 20 | 37.3391 | 0.0107 |
| Ever_Bounced*G_Division | 4 | 32.1627 | <. 0001 |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice_GT40*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers | 1 | 28.9166 | <. 0001 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL*STD_Cuml_ALL_Net_GT100 | 1 | 26.1594 | <. 0001 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_ALL*MonthsSinceFirst_ALL | 1 | 23.7195 | <. 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers*STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers | 1 | 22.0926 | <. 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers | 1 | 21.7948 | <. 0001 |
| MonthsSinceClubStart*STD_Cuml_Club_Orders | 1 | 20.9372 | <. 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Reminders*STD_Cuml_Club_Orders | 1 | 17.7775 | <. 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Sent*STD_Cuml_Club_Orders | 1 | 16.6427 | <. 0001 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_ALL*MonthsSinceLast_EmailALL | 1 | 13.9176 | 0.0002 |
| Avg_NonClub_ItemPrice*STD_Cuml_ALL_Net_GT100 | 1 | 13.7339 | 0.0002 |
| Recvd_Offer_Last1Months*STD_Cuml_All_Reminders | 1 | 13.0864 | 0.0003 |
| Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct*Recvd_Offer_Last1Months | 1 | 12.4817 | 0.0004 |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice | 1 | 11.605 | 0.0007 |
| G_ClubShipCarrier | 4 | 10.9958 | 0.0266 |
| Recvd_Offer_Last1Months*STD_Cuml_Club_Orders | 1 | 10.8393 | 0.001 |


| Effects (Continued) | DF | Chi-Square | Pr >ChiSq |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Ever_Bounced*G_IncomeInd | 4 | 10.4052 | 0.0341 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_ALL*MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL | 1 | 10.3683 | 0.0013 |
| MonthsSinceClubStart*MonthsSinceFirst_Club | 1 | 10.2705 | 0.0014 |
| Ever_Bounced*Had_ClubOrder_Last3Months | 1 | 9.9542 | 0.0016 |
| MonthsSinceLast_EmailALL*STD_Cuml_Club_Orders | 1 | 9.4583 | 0.0021 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL*STD_Cuml_All_Reminders | 1 | 8.2264 | 0.0041 |
| G_LengthOfResidence*Had_ClubOrder_Last3Months | 5 | 8.0715 | 0.1523 |
| G_ClubSalesperson | 6 | 7.2799 | 0.2957 |
| Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct*MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL | 1 | 7.1501 | 0.0075 |
| Avg_NonClub_ItemPrice*MonthsSinceLast_EmailALL | 1 | 6.4456 | 0.0111 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Sent*STD_Cuml_All_Sent | 1 | 6.3259 | 0.0119 |
| Avg_NonClub_ItemPrice*STD_Cuml_NonClub_Orders | 1 | 5.3368 | 0.0209 |
| STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers*STD_Cuml_AII_ShippingOffers | 1 | 4.774 | 0.0289 |
| MonthsSinceClubStart*MonthsSinceFirst_NonClub | 1 | 3.8394 | 0.0501 |
| STD_Cuml_AlI_Opens | 1 | 3.7558 | 0.0526 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL_GT24*MonthsSinceLast_EmailALL | 1 | 2.9428 | 0.0863 |
| Is_CoreClubMember*STD_Cuml_Club_Orders | 1 | 2.0221 | 0.155 |
| Recvd_Offer_Last1Months*STD_Cum_All_Sent | 1 | 0.0589 | 0.8083 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_EmailALL*Recvd_Offer_Last1Months | 1 | 0.0323 | 0.8574 |
| IsClubOnHold*Recvd_Offer_Last1Months | 1 | 0.0013 | 0.971 |
| IsClubOnHold*Is_CoreClubMember | 1 | 0.0004 | 0.984 |
|  |  |  |  |

## SAS Enterprise Miner (SEM) Analysis

## 4. Model Comparison - Winery B

| Model Description | Selection <br> Criterion: <br> Valid: <br> Misclassifica <br> tion Rate | Train: <br> Misclassifica <br> tion Rate | Valid: <br> Average <br> Squared <br> Error | Train: <br> Average <br> Squared <br> Error | Train: <br> Average <br> Error <br> Function | Train: <br> Akaike's <br> Information <br> Criterion |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Var Selection Forward Poly | 0.060141 | 0.050416 | 0.049368 | 0.040256 | 0.153563 | 1218.725 |
| Var Selection Backward Poly | 0.065118 | 0.044875 | 0.056123 | 0.036226 | 0.139304 | 1167.778 |
| Forward No Poly | 0.075902 | 0.07036 | 0.058086 | 0.052591 | 0.192927 | 1456.931 |
| Var Selection Forward | 0.082124 | 0.076454 | 0.063964 | 0.058981 | 0.213414 | 1576.85 |
| Var Selection Stepwise Poly | 0.373289 | 0.37313 | 0.233944 | 0.233904 | 0.660601 | 4771.537 |
| Stepwise No Poly | 0.373289 | 0.37313 | 0.233944 | 0.233904 | 0.660601 | 4771.537 |

## SAS Enterprise Miner (SEM) Analysis

## 4. Best Performing Model - Winery B

- Validation Misclassification $=6.0 \% .50$ variables and 54 degrees of freedom

| Effect | DF | Chi-Square | Pr $>$ Chisq |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| STD_Cuml_All_Sent | 1 | 69.8152 | <. 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers*STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers | 1 | 38.5837 | <. 0001 |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers | 1 | 34.895 | <. 0001 |
| Avg_Club_SalesPerOrder_GT125*STD_Cuml_All_Discountoffers | 1 | 33.343 | <. 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers | 1 | 28.7674 | <. 0001 |
| Recvd_Offer_Last1Months | 1 | 25.1157 | <. 0001 |
| Avg_Club_SalesPerOrder*STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers | 1 | 24.3505 | <. 0001 |
| Avg_Club_ItemsPerOrder | 1 | 23.5926 | <. 0001 |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct*STD_Cuml_Club_Disc | 1 | 21.8532 | <. 0001 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_ALL | 1 | 21.2085 | <. 0001 |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice | 1 | 20.1602 | <. 0001 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_Club*STD_Cuml_All_Sent | 1 | 17.515 | <. 0001 |
| G_MilesFromWineryGroup | 3 | 17.2818 | 0.0006 |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct | 1 | 16.5861 | <. 0001 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Reminders*STD_Cuml_All_Reminders | 1 | 16.3244 | <. 0001 |
| Avg_Club_ItemsPerOrder*STD_CumI_All_DiscountOffers | 1 | 15.7587 | <. 0001 |
| Had_ClubOrder_Last3Months | 1 | 15.7517 | <. 0001 |
| Avg_Club_SalesPerOrder_GT125*MonthsSinceFirst_Club | 1 | 15.4642 | <. 0001 |
| Avg_Club_SalesPerOrder_GT125*STD_Cuml_All_Reminders | 1 | 13.2366 | 0.0003 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Sent*STD_Cuml_All_Sent | 1 | 13.0164 | 0.0003 |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice*Cumu_Club_DiscPct | 1 | 11.8225 | 0.0006 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Reminders | 1 | 11.7523 | 0.0006 |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice*MonthsSinceFirst_ALL | 1 | 10.7568 | 0.001 |
| MonthsSinceLast_EmailALL*STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers | 1 | 10.5801 | 0.0011 |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct*Cumu_Club_DiscPct | 1 | 10.5701 | 0.0011 |


| Effect | DF | Chi-Square | Pr $\mathbf{~ C h i S q ~}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Items_GT1 | 1 | 10.225 | 0.0014 |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice*Avg_Club_SalesPerOrder | 1 | 9.8088 | 0.0017 |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct*MonthsSinceFirst_Club | 1 | 9.5098 | 0.002 |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice*MonthsSinceFirst_Club | 1 | 9.3562 | 0.0022 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_ALL*STD_Cuml_Club_Disc | 1 | 8.5753 | 0.0034 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Reminders*STD_Cuml_All_Sent | 1 | 7.3414 | 0.0067 |
| Avg_Club_ItemPrice*STD_Cuml_Club_Disc | 1 | 7.2784 | 0.007 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_Club*MonthsSinceFirst_Club | 1 | 6.8596 | 0.0088 |
| STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers*STD_Cuml_Club_Items_GT1 | 1 | 6.5662 | 0.0104 |
| G_MilesFromWineryGroup*Recvd_Offer_Last1Months | 3 | 6.5049 | 0.0895 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Sent*STD_Cuml_Club_Items_GT1 | 1 | 6.2435 | 0.0125 |
| MonthsSinceClubStart*MonthsSinceLast_EmailALL | 1 | 6.1014 | 0.0135 |
| STD_Cuml_Club_Disc | 1 | 5.0624 | 0.0245 |
| Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct_GTO*STD_Cuml_Club_Items_GT1 | 1 | 4.7454 | 0.0294 |
| Avg_Club_SalesPerOrder_GT125*MonthsSinceClubStart | 1 | 4.1683 | 0.0412 |
| Cumu_Club_DiscPct*STD_CumI_Club_Items_GT1 | 1 | 3.9705 | 0.0463 |
| STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers*STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers | 1 | 3.5818 | 0.0584 |
| MonthsSinceFirst_ALL*MonthsSinceFirst_ALL | 1 | 3.5107 | 0.061 |
| Avg_Club_ItemsPerOrder*STD_Cuml_Club_Items_GT1 | 1 | 3.348 | 0.0673 |
| STD_Cuml_All_DiscountOffers*STD_Cuml_All_Reminders | 1 | 1.6363 | 0.2008 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Reminders*STD_Cuml_Club_Items_GT1 | 1 | 0.6428 | 0.4227 |
| Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct_GT0 | 1 | 0.3626 | 0.5471 |
| Cumu_NonClub_DiscPct_GT0*MonthsSinceLast_EmailALL | 1 | 0.0961 | 0.7566 |
| Avg_Club_SalesPerOrder*STD_Cuml_All_Reminders | 1 | 0.0642 | 0.8 |
| STD_Cuml_All_Reminders*STD_Cuml_All_ShippingOffers | 1 | 0.0331 | 0.8556 |
|  |  |  | 52 |

## SAS Enterprise Miner (SEM) Analysis

## 7. Key Learnings

- SAS Enterprise Miner provides a great graphical user interface to do sophisticated data mining task and can generate results equal or better than traditional methods.
- A drawback is that there is very little emphasis on reports and plots that can confirm if the model is correctly specified. One could use the SAS node within SEM or use SAS outside of SEM to write code to assess model validity.
- In this example, SEM was very efficient at testing many different interactions and quadratics and was more than willing to use these liberally. The result was a very high percentage of terms in the final model being quadratics of some sort. The models were considerably bigger than the model identified through traditional methods.
- For very large datasets where predictive power is of higher importance than understanding underlying associations, SEM really excels. However, the models may be overly dimensional and need to be retrained often to maintain results.

